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METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DATA MEMORY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of an Official Action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 3, line

line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 4.

line 1, delete any of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 7.

line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8,

line 1, delete "any of claims 5 to 7" and insert -- claim 5 --.

Claim 9,

line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 12,

line 1, delete for 11".

Claim 13.

line 1, delete "any of claims 10 to 12" and insert -- claim 10 --.

Claim 15,

line 1, delete/"or 14".

Claim 16,

line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.